Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

HARDISTY ACQUITTED.

Guilty of Neglect.

The final report of the grand jury was

ine go along." He said the sheriff made no offer or

threat to him.

The next witness, Lee Tarmon, brother

of the preceding witness, testified that the sheriff advised him not to go before the

grand jury. Witness said he had seen the sheriff at Hayes' saloon, on 9th street, opposite the Center market, a number of times. Hardisty, he said, usually called about the first of the week. On one occa-

sion he saw Hayes give Hardisty some money. He only knew why the money was

paid because of what Hayes had told him. Witness stated that when he attended court in October he told Hardisty he was going to tell the grand jury how the place

at Chesapeake Junction was conducted.

Joseph Tarmon, father of the preceding

vitnesses, was next called. He was on the

stand when this report closed.

Sheriff Hardisty entered a denial, and claimed that he was approached by the Tarmon brothers. He said that he reported

the incident to the court and his counsel. Other witnesses were examined for the de-

YOUTSEY STILL ON THE STAND.

He Tells More About Conspiracy to

Kill Goebel.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 17.-The Frank-

in county circuit court room was again

packed to the doors today with the crowd

in attendance at the Howard trial. Henry

E. Youtsey was still on the stand for cross-

Youtsey told of making an arrangement

with Mason Hockersmith, colored, to kill

Goebel. Hockersmith wanted to interview

Gov. Taylor before doing the shooting, and

witness went to see Taylor to arrange for

to substance of a letter the witness claimed to have written to Howard January 26 at

Gov. Taylor's dictation, witness said it merely said to Howard to come to Frank-

TWO NEGROES SENTENCED

Horse Stealing.

UPPER MARLBORO', Md., April 17 .-

robbing the residents of Prince George

ccunty. He said there was a great de-

mand for labor throughout the county, and

he could see no reason why able-bodied

other persons' property.

Brown had formerly been a resident of

the county, and the court said he was worse, if anything, than the other man.

He had been raised well and should have

known better. In conclusion, the judge

said he wanted to warn the young men

of the county that when they went to the

bad for them to return to the county to

practice it. Marshall Johnson was ar-

rested in Washington by Policeman Russell. He was once arested in Washing-

ton on a similar charge.

been selected to do the killing.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

examination.

and the court acquitted the sheriff

stand when this report closed.

# POST OFFICE CHARGES ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Central Labor Union Enters the Field Today.

SEVERE CRITICISMS

MAIL EQUIPMENT DIVISION NOW UNDER FIRE.

Statement of Committee Appointed to Investigate-Alleged Favoritism and Incompetency.

A new element has entered into the investigation being made by order of Postmaster General Payne in the several divisions of the Post Office Department. Organized labor of the city, as represented by the Central Labor Union, is the new power to be reckoned with in the matter. A special committee of the Central Labor Union was appointed some time ago by President John M. Hammerstrom to investigate and report on a number of complaints and charges against certain methods and actions in the mail equipment division of the Post Office Department.

The outcome of this committee's work has been framed into a statement which will be presented by the special committee to Postmaster General Payne this after-

The report very strongly criticises Second Assistant Postmaster General Shallen-berger, and charges of favoritism, incompetency and mismanagement are preferred against certain officials of the division referred to. It is broadly asserted in the re-port that it has been impossible to secure redress for the alleged acts of injustice which have been done. The charge is made that mail bags that did not conform to the specifications, and also bags that were defective and had been condemned, had nevertheless been accepted by the division.

A numebr of instances of alleged discrimination against certain employes and in favor of others are cited by the state-ment. A point is made of the fact that

when the machine operators were reduced from \$2 per diem to \$1.75 per diem the salaries of the superintendent and some other officers were increased from \$150 to \$200 per annum, and that an official refused to allow the operators to petition for the restoration of their former wages.

Charges of incompetency and favoritism

are made against the management of the mail-lock repair shop, one of the in-stances of alleged lack of economy cited by the statement being as follows:

"On April 11, 1901, work was commenced upon a lot of several thousand of new box locks, and Andrews and Clark, in their customary way of misguided economy, directed the fitting of these locks, using one sec-ond-hand tumbler in each, these tumblers having been taken out of old locks con-demned. This was done at a tremendous waste of time and labor furbishing up old tumblers and the locks went out and were distributed. The customary period for box locks to remain in service is from four to six years, but up to January 1, 1902, fully 90 per cent of this lot of locks returned came back on account of broken and worn-out second-hand tumblers. This necessitated taking down the locks and rebuilding them with the use of new tumblers, which The enormous waste of time and labor involved in this questionable way of doing business is such as to need no comment, as the locks only performed eight months service before requiring rebuilding, when, in fact, they should have remained in use for from six to nine times that period without attention. This is all a matter of record in the department and can be readily

The charge is also made against the foreman of the shop that he had suspended an employe in violation of the civil service

In summing up the statement says that the events as disclosed by the investiga-tion of the committee point conclusively to the existence of a ring in the mail equipment bureau.

## Progress of Investigation.

There were no new developments today in the actual work of investigation of alleged scandals in the Post Office Department. It will likely be a month, at least, before the inspectors will be far enough along with the investigation to make a tangible report. It may be even longer Postmaster General Payne, First Assist-

ant Wynne and Fourth Assistant Bristow are each maintaining a rigid silence as to what the investigation has disclosed up to the present. As in all such cases, there are rumors galore.

Post Office Inspector Waters, who was appointed to take temporary charge of the division of salaries and allowances made vacant by the resignation of George W. Beavers, returned late yesterday afternoon from Denver, where he went a week ago to attend the funeral of a son.

The report current that the actual over-hauling of the work of the division began on the arrival of Mr. Waters is incorrect. Mr. Waters began the investigation of that division almost immediately after his as-suming charge at the time of Mr. Beavers' departure.
While Mr. Waters was in Denver there

was a cessation in the work of investigating the affairs of the division. All the contracts, leases, etc., not made on the recommendations of the postmasters, will be carefully considered, and to do this will necessarily take some time. Postmaster General Payne called atten-

tion this afternoon to the fact that the recommendation of Mr. Henry A. Castle, auditor for the post office, in his annual reports regarding alleged pressing needs for more modern methods in handling and auditing the business had nothing to with the Post Office Department Postmaster General Payne, discussing the statements of Mr. Castle this afternoon,

"The auditor for the Post Office Department is an official of the Treasury Depart-ment and not an official of the Post Office Department.

## ARMY OFFICER'S SUICIDE.

#### Lieut. T. F. Howard, Retired, Cuts His Throat With a Razor.

ST. LOUIS, April 17.-Lieut, Thomas F. Howard of the United States army, and a graduate of West Point, drew a razor across his throat at the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium today. When found by an attendant he was dead. Howard left a letter to his mother, Mrs. J. H. Howard, Boerne, Tex. He also left a note for the sanitarium officials, directing them to notify his mother and the War Department at Washington.

Lieutenant Howard had been on sick leave for some time and was under treat-Lieutenant Howard, who committed sui-

cide in St. Louis today, entered the Military Academy from Texas, graduating in 1896. He was retired in 1890 for disability.

## A. P. GEORGE BADLY INJURED.

Washington Man Run Over by Train in Baltimore Suburb. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

BALTIMORE, April 17 .- A. B. George, a brakeman on the P., B. & W. railroad, who resides at 313 7th street southwest, Washington, D. C., is in a critical condition at Johns Hopkins Hospital as the result of being crushed under the wheels of a freight train this morning.

The accident occurred in the freight yards at Bayview Junction, a few miles outside this city. George was coupling cars when in some manner he was dashed from a gondola on to the tracks, several cars passing over his legs before the train was stopped. The injured man was placed aboard an engine and brought to President street station, and then conveyed to the

partment, has been assigned to duty as principal assistant in the office of the chief

THE RASH ACT OF MISS WELLIE RUSSELL.

Drinks Poison and Jumps From Top of a Flight of Steps-She May Recover.

"Good-bye all, I am tired of life," was the exclamation made by Miss Nellie Russell of 118 B street northwest about midnight last night, and she attempted to end her life in a most thrilling and sensational manner by hurling herself down a flight of steps at her home. She had previously taken part of the contents of a bottle containing carbolic acid. Inmates of the house who were awakened by her cries rushed out in the hallway, but not in time to reach her before the despendent woman threw herself down the steps. She was picked up in an unconscious condition and carried into the front room and placed on a sofa, while an effort was made to inform the police. Sergeant Goss and Policeman Bean who were on duty on the corner near the house, hastened to the place after sending in a hurry call to the Emergency Hospital for their ambulance.

The vehicle was not long in reaching the house and the unfortunate woman was conveyed to the hospital, the institution being reached in record-breaking time, and the physicians were soon busy in an endeavor to revive the woman, whose unconscious form was on the operating table. The stomach pump was used and antidotes were applied to relieve the burns on the mouth and throat. The burns proved to be slight. The unhappy young woman did not regain consciousness until after 7 o'clock this morning. Although she is in a serious condition it is thought that she will recover. With the exception of a few bruises the woman was only slightly injured by her flight through space down the stairway.

#### The Only Cause Assigned.

Miss Russell is twenty-seven years of age, and has been conducting a boarding house at 118 B street for several years, and although she has relatives in the city they have not yet been located.

She has been in ill health for some time, and that is the cause assigned by boarders at the house for her attempt at self-de

this morning that she did not appear to be in a despondent mood until yesterday afternoon when she was very melancholy and threatened several times during the after-noon and early part of the night to put an end to her existence, but she was persuaded from taking that course for the time being. Later in the night, however, she put her threat into execution, but it is not thought that her rash act will end fatally. An effort was made by occupants of the house, when they saw her standing at the head of the stairway, with the bottle, to knock it from her grasp, but she succeeded in taking a portion of the contents, which afterward proved to have been diluted with water.

#### CLUE TO MURDER MYSTERY. Belief That Body Found in Barrel Wa That of Prof. D'Andrea.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 17 .- The Times this afternoon says: There is reason to believe that the man found murdered in a barrel in New York was Prof. Antonio D'Andrea of Chicago, who was brought to Buffalo last December to appear as a witness against Andrea Romano on a charge of attempting to pass counterfeit money.

Assistant United States Attorney Bain, who had charge of the prosecution of Romano, became well acquainted with D'Andrea, and when shown a picture of him said there was more than a resemblance, but he would not say positively it D'Andrea was expected to identify

Romano at the hearing, but failed to do so, and Romano was discharged. NEW YORK, April 17.-The police say known the victim of the mysterious barrel

murder are on the way from New Orleans to New York, and are expected to identify Agent William Flynn of the local secret "From the confession of one of this gang

I know that two of the men now under arrest were concerned in the murder of Joseph Catania, the Brooklyn grocer. They are members of the Mafia, and that society is responsible for the present crime.'

Agent Flynn added that this gang belonged to the Mafia of Palermo, and that America and Lupo its treasurer. Both are arrested. Flynn believes that the victim of the murder was connected with the Mafrom New Orleans, and that his death had been planned before he reached here. The police declare that the papers found when the suspects were arrested show that some of them have been engaged in mur-der and blackmailing plots, including the

tend Shepherd Obsequies.

The survivors of the National Rifles of

1861 met Wednesday evening as the guests

of their comrade, Thomson H. Alexander, at

the forty-second anniversary of their mus-

ter in to the military service of the United

States. There were present Messrs. Wm.

D. Baldwin, president; G. Y. AtLee, sec-

retary; T. H. Alexander, J. Thomas Clem-

ents, L. B. Dixon (from Chicago), W. k.

Mendenhall, T. W. Steuart, T. M. Shepherd, G. B. Towles and Dr. Wm. E. Waters,

A silent toast was drunk to their deceased

comrades, two of whom, Alexander R. Shepherd and Noble D. Larner, have passed

away since the last annual reunion. Toasts were also drunk to the absent members.

who, by reason of distance from the city were unable to be present. Letters regret

ting their inability to be present were read from Joseph McMakin, at Boston; Col. Wm. R. Smedberg, San Francisco; W. O. Stoddard, New York, and A. P. Barnes of

It was decided that the members shall attend the burial of Alexander R. Shepherd, whose body is on the way from Batopilas, Mex.

Reminiscences of service with the Rifles, written sixteen years ago by Gus A. Brandt

and Mm. O. Stoddard were read and a gen-eral discussion of the events coincident with

the military service was had until the close of a most enjoyable occasion, when with a resolution of thanks to the host and bostess adjournment was ordered until April 15,

AGAINST MB. WELLINGTON.

Bank Gets Judgment for Sixteen

Thousand Dollars.

Judgment was entered in Circuit Court

No. 1 today against ex-Senator George L.

Wellington of Maryland for \$16,000 in favor

of the National Metropolitan Bank of this city, and the plaintiff in this case filed suit

against the defendant February 24, last to recover on notes for \$4,000 each which had

been given by the defendant to the plain-tiff to securethe payment of the sums named and in addition thereto the defen-

notes of the Standard Buteterine Company, which the plaintiff was authorized to sell

and dispose of in case the defendant should not meet his obligations. The notes feil due and the defendant did

not pay them. Suit was entered, and the defendant filed a demurrer in which he alleged that the notes were delivered to the plaintiffs for no legal consideration what-

ever, except certain fraudulent considera-tions. The demurrer was overruled. The

attorneys for the plaintiff entered a motion for judgment today, and the motion was granted by Justice Barnard.

Capt. William W. Gibson, ordnance de

St Louis.

#### LEE WAS NOT PRESENT. sending of letters demanding \$1,000 from

Lieutenant Governor of Missouri Much NATIONAL RIFLES OF '61. Wanted in Court. Members of Civil War Company to At-

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 17.-Lieutenant Governor John A. Lee, who is wanted as a witness to tell what he knows about the use of boodle in connection with baking powder legislation in the recent session of the Missouri general assembly, was not his residence, No. 1711 Q street, to celebrate present when the grand jury met today. Circuit Attorney Polk made every effort to secure his presence this morning, but without success. He may appear later in the day.

The investigation was continued by the examination of some witnesses that were not heard yesterday. Among those slated to appear today are Speaker James H. Whitecotton, Senator Frank Farris, Cain Whitecotton of Steelville, cashier of the Bank of Steelville, and thirty others, for whom subpoenas have been issued.

## TWO HANGINGS IN MISSOURI.

John Taylor at Kansas City-Dr. Gartrell at Butler.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 17 .- John Bud" Taylor was hanged at the county jail here this morning for the murder on March 2, 1901, of Ruth Nollard, his former sweetheart. Taylor was baptized into the Catholic Church last night. Taylor expressed sorrow for his crime, but added: "I loved her and I was not willing to live without her." Taylor lay in wait for his victim for several days and fired the fatal shot at her with a rifle from a second-story window in West 9th street as she passed by on the opposite side with her sister. Taylor formerly was a base bell plant. by on the opposite side with her sister. Taylor formerly was a base ball player, having gained some prominence in minor leagues. He was twenty years old.

Shortly before the march to the scaffold Taylor handed his brother a small package of strychnine. The murderer said that he had had the powder for several months and intended to commit suicide last night. After being converted yesterday, however, he decided to meet his fate.

BUTLER, Mo., April 17.—Dr. James L. Gartrell, the aged murdered of D. B. Donegan, a Colorado miner, was hanged in the county jail yard here today. About 1,500 persons witnessed the execution, many coming from the surrounding country. The Rev. Williamson of the Christian Church addressed the crowd from the scaffold be-Rev. Williamson of the Christian Church addressed the crowd from the scaffold before the condemned man was brought in. Dr. Gartrell displayed remarkable nerve and talked briefly to the spectators before the black cap was adjusted. He stated that he had only one enemy he could not forgive, but would not mention his name.

## Was an Escaped Convict.

Captain Boardman received a dispatch from the authorities at Savannah, Ga., this morning containing the information that John King, alias James Williams, the colored man who was arrested by Policeman Lee near the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 6th street northwest at an early hour this morning, was an escaped con-vict from the penitentiary at that place. King had in his possession an eighteen-

## ENDED BY A BULLET

Sheriff of Prince George County Not WILSON G. REED BRINGS HIS LIFE TO A CLOSE. UPPER MARLBORO', Md., April 17.-To-

day when the case of Sheriff Hardisty was called Dr. Baldwin, editor of the Laurel Ill-Health Believed to Be the Cause-Democrat, for whom an attachment was issued yesterday, made a satisfactory expla-Popular Member of Washnation and the attachment was dismi Commonwealth Attorney Lewin then called ington Stock Exchange. the case in which the sheriff is charged with having tried to induce John and Lee Tarmon to remain away from the grand jury. Mr. Wilson of counsel for the defense, filed a demurrer. Argument on this motion was heard and the court took a re-

Wilson G. Reed, thirty-four years of age, a lawyer, who was formerly in the stock brokerage business, and whose home was brokerage business, and whose home was at the boarding house of Mrs. McGill, 1333 11th street northwest, ended his life about The final report of the grand jury was received this afternoon. During the session of the grand jury, which lasted ten days, sixty-nine witnesses were examined and twenty-five indictments reported. The grand jury reported that the county was in a peaceable and quiet condition, and that its residents were law-abiding, with the notable exception of the section about noon today by shooting himself with a re-volver, the bullet entering his mouth. The body was not found until 2 o'clock, when occupants of the house went up to his room to call him to lunch, and found him lying on a bed with his clothing removed and a revolver clasped tightly in both

Chesapeake Junction.

After the recess the court overruled the demurrer and the trial proceeded. Dr. Baldwin, the first witness examined, told The police of the second precinct were no of the investigation made by the grand tifled and Mounted Policeman McGrath jury. John Tarmon was then sworn. He testified that when he attended the Octo-ter term of the court Sheriff Hardisty said hastened to the house and took possession of the room until the arrival of Coroner Nevitt. No cause can be assigned for the "If I were you I wouldn't go before the grand jury. Plead guilty, and I'll let the

Mr. Reed never intimated to the inmates of the house that he intended self-destruc-tion. Only one shot had been fired from the revolver, which was of small caliber.

It is supposed that he fired the shot about noon, Mrs. McGill about that time having heard the report of a pistol. She supposed that, Mr. Reed was discharging the weapor

at a cat on the rear fence.

The unfortunate man lost his mother by death several months ago, and since that time has greatly mourned for her. It is known that he has not been in the best of health for some-time, and some of his friends believe this prompted, him to the rash act. He was affiliated with the Masons and was unmarried.

Mr. Reed, until quite recently, was a member of the Washington stock exchange He was popular and was regarded as one of the best-posted men in that body on local securities. He sold his seat about a

#### ADDED TO GENERAL STAFF.

Col. Mackenzie Detailed to Succeed Lieut. Col. Chamberlain.

Colonel Axleander Mackenzie, Corps of Engineers, was today detailed for duty as a member of the general staff of the army. provided for by Congress at its last session He will take the place of Lieut. Col. John L. Chamberlain of the inspector general's department. Since that officer's selection for duty on the general staff it has been discovered that he is ineligible for membership as a colonel for the reason that he will not reach that grade until a vacancy occurs in the list of colonels in the inspector general's department, of which there is no prospect for several years. His selection was made inadvertently, under the impression that his promotion was a mat-

ter of a few months only. Colonel Mackenzie, the new member of the interview. Taylor told witness he could not afford to risk a negro, and witness re-turned and told Hockersmith what he said. Johnson, who also had been selected to do the killing, left here January 25. Asked as the general staff, is generally acknowledged to be one of the ablest officers in the army, and hisodetail was made upon the recommendation of the board appointed to select the general staff. He is now on duty at the War Department as first assistant to Gen. Gilleaple, chief of engineers a position he has filled with marked dis fort at once as Taylor was about to be robbed of his office. Howard, he said, knew when he arrived here that he had tinction for the past eight years. Gen. Gillespie was disposed to protest against his relief and consented with considerable reluctance only after consultation with the Secretary of Warv. Col. Mackenzle has had special charge of all river and harbor legislation at the War Department and it will be a difficult matter to replace him in the office of the chief of engineers. Given Ten Years in Penitentiary for

## WHEAT CROP OF THE WORLD. Wear-1902.

ored men from Washington, were sentenced to ten years each in the Maryland The Department of Agriculture has issued penitentiary by Judge Merrick this morna comparative statement of the wheat crop ing for horse stealing. In imposing senof the world, showing that the total of tence Judge Merrick said he intended to 3.124.422.000 bushels frt 1902 was distributed do all in his power to break up the pracas follows: tice of people coming from the cities and

as follows:
North America, 781,120,000; South America, 75,984,000; Europe, 1,798,963,000; Asia, 376,428,000; Africa, 48,000,000, and Australasia, 43,927,000. The crop in the United States was 670,063,000.

## MODERNIZING MANILA

Walls to Be Torn Down and the Moats to Be Filled. From Manila papers received at the War

Department the following items are taken: Many counterfeit \$5, Mexican, are floodng the money market in and about Manila. The walls around the city of Manila are to be torn down and roads are to take their places. The moats are to be filled in as a sanitary measure:

The customs officials have been investigating an alleged case of smuggling by Capt. Harry B. Chamberlain, quartermaster of the transport Stewart. It is claimed that when the ship came from Hong Kong to when the ship came from Hong Kong to Manila she had aboard many packages of silk and curios addressed to Captain Cham-berlain and to other officers. The captain was relieved from duty by General Davis.

## Personal Mention.

Archbishop Falconi, the papal nuncio to the United States, is preparing for a tour through California and the southwest. He expects to leave Washington on the 21st instant, and will be away about a month. During his absence he will dedicate new Catholic churches at San Antonio, Texas, and Los Angeles, Cal.
Mr. William Dudley Foulke, member of

the civil service commission, went to Phila-delphia last evening to make an address before a gathering in that city. He will return this evening or tomorrow. Mr. P. K. Gordon, Pacific coast passenger agent of the Southern railway, son of Col. D. S. Gordon, U. S. A., is stopping at the Willard Hotel.

To Represent the Ordnance Department Capt. Ormond M. Lissak, ordnance department, has been detailed to represent the ordnance department of the army at the convention of the Interstate National Guard Association, to be held at Columbus.

Ohio, May 4. On the completion of that duty he will proceed to Cincinnati on business pertaining to the manufacture of small arms cartridges. Russell Hughes Designated. The Secretary of the Navy today desig-

#### nated Russell Hughes of Bath, Me., for examination for appointment to a second lieutenancy in the marine corps from civil

Police Pursuing Clues.

The condition of Benson Allen, who was struck on the head with a base ball bat Monday afternoon, was reported at the Garfield Hospital this afternoon as being slightly improved. Detective Flather, who went to Elkton, Md., to see a man suspected of having assaulted him, returned during the day, having falled to connect the man under arrest as having had any-thing to do with the assault. Late this thing to do with the assault. Late this afternoon word was received from Annapolis, Md., saying that a man answering to the description of the person wanted had been arrested at that place. A detective will be sent to the Maryland town to interview the man.

## Body Found in Potomac.

The body of a drowned man was found floating in the river, in the vicinity of Marshall Hall, this afternoon by the crew of a passing boat, who notified Harbormas ter Sutton on their arrival in this city. Capt. Boardman, who was notified, dispatched the police boat, with Photographer Johnson of the police department, to the scene for the purpose of photographing the

#### OFFICERS CHOSEN.

International Union Holds Election and Indorses Arbitration.

The convention of the International Hodcarriers' and Building Laborers' Union of America. which convened at 10 o'clock this morning and closed at 1:30 this afternoon. officers to serve for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Herman Lillian of Chicago, Ill.; first vice president, Peter Larson of Philadelphia, Pa.; second vice president, James Naley of White Plains, N. Y.; third vice president, Val M. Canavan of Portland, Me.; fourth vice president, August Palutze of Cleveland, O.; fifth vice president, Elmo Chambers of Pittsburg. Pa.; secretary treasurer, H. A. Stemburgh of Waverly, N. Y.

After the ballot had been taken President

Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, addressed the assemblage. In his remarks he alluded to the fact that the new body starts out with a membership of more than 28,000, in seventy-nine cities of the Union. Mr. Gompers also said that in consequence of the formation. that in consequence of the formation of the new body over one hundred local unions attached to the American Federa-tion of Labor will be turned over to it, and their affiliation with the latter will brough the international organization. It was decided that the next meeting of the union shall be held in Trenton, N. J.,

A permanent organization was perfected yesterday afternoon, after the close of The Star's report for the day, when a constitution and set of by-laws was unanimously adopted. By vote of the delegates it was agreed that a clause should be inserted in the constitution to the effect that the union indorse arbitration for the adjusment of all labor controversies. A like clause will be inserted in the constitutions of all at-fillated bodies. The international body also indorsed the proposed establishment of an international arbitration board.

#### LUNACY CASES.

Several Persons Examined as to Their Sanity.

Joseph H. Johnson, a negro of the black est hue, came to this city last month, after serving a term in the Maryland penitentiary, for the purpose of seeing President Roosevelt and securing the dismissal and punishment of the officials of the penitentiary, who had conspired against him, and as a result Johnson was examined by a marshal's jury today to determine his santy. The man told his story to Policeman Riley of the ninth precinct, who promptly placed him under arrest. Johnson was sent to the workhouse, where he was examined as to his sanity, and was then transferred to St. Elizabeth's. Several witnesses were examined, who testified as to the man's insanity, and the jury rendered its verdict accordingly. Efforts will be made to send the man back to Mary-

Examination was also had as to the condition of Samuel Lyons, Charles Carver, Mary M. Bateman and Alexander Davis, all of whom were adjudged insane and were sent to the asylum for treatment. Isaac Smith was to have been examined today, but the man died yesterday while temporarily confined at the asylum

## BROKE UP A POKER GAME.

Two Men Were Fined in the Police Court.

Sergt. Goss and Policeman Mullen of the sixth precinct interrupted a poker game at the home of Harry C. Gray, twenty-five years old, 473 H street northwest, and placed him under arrest, together with Ernest Ritter, twenty years old, on a charge of setting up a gaming table. The officers took possession of \$7 in change which they found on the table used by Gray and Ritter and five or six guests who were participating in the game of chance. They were each convicted after having a hearing in the Police Court today, Gray being fined \$50, while Ritter was \$30. Both fines were paid.

The police have known for some time that Gray was entertaining his friends with the game of poker, and last night was the time decided on for the arrest. Policeman Bean, in company with a young man who had access to the house, visted there a short time ahead of the officers, and were watching the game when the others ar rived on the scene.

## REGARDING SAFETY GATES.

Lieut. Daley Reports on the Request of Citizens The Commissioners have received a report from Lieutenant Daley of the ninth police

precinct, on the petition of Chas. H. Keyser and others, requesting that the Baltimore and Ohio railroad be required to place safety gates on the Shepherd landing branch tracks, at Benning. Inspector Thomas of the engineer depart-

ment reported that from two to four trains pass over this crossing daily, and these are freight trains, moving slowly, as a rule, and under the control of the engineer, and in view of this he believes that the present electric bell system maintained in proper working order is sufficient to warn the public of approaching trains. He recommended that the company be required to exercise such supervision over the signal at this crossing as would insure its certain

operation. Lieut. Daley's report says: "I have consulted with John F. Legge, the terminal agent of the Baltimore and Ohlo road, in regard to the complaint. Mr. Legge informed me that the road was used for freight trains only, and that they do not more than three times a day pass the road crossing in question, and that the electric bell signal should be placed in good order. The trains when passing the crossing move slowly eand carefully, and since that branch of the road has been established there has been no accident. With the electric signal bell in good order there can be no possible danger. I do not think it necessary to have gates placed at this crossing, which has been used for many years without accident."

The petitioners will be so informed.

## Taken Suddenly Ill.

John H. Cutler, colored, seventy-three years old, of 420 Washington street northwest, was taken suddenly ill while near the corner of 6th and L streets northwest about 8:30 o'clock this morning. He was taken to Freedmen's Hospital.

#### Found Dead in Her Boom. Margaret Cox, sixty-three years of age,

who occupied a room at the Hotel Royal, corner of 7th and N streets northwest, was found dead in bed by a porter at the hotel about 11 o'clock this morning. The coroner, who was notified, after inquiries issued a certificate showing that death occurred from natural causes.

#### Mrs. Forsythe's Funeral. The funeral of Mrs. James H. Forsythe

took place this morning from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, where low mass of requiem was said at 9 o'clock by the Rev. Ambrose Beavans. The music during the ceremony was very impressive, the regular choir of the church being assisted by Mrs. Annie Grant Fugitt. The sisted by Mrs. Annie Grant Fugitt. The pallbearers, six nephews of the deceased, were Alexander Clarke, Charles H. Saffell, Frank P. Saffell, John P. Saffell, Frank T. Saffell and J. Edwin Young.

#### Will Tender the Militia. Gen. George H. Harries said this morning

that definite arrangements for the funeral of the late Governor Shepherd have not yet been made, and so far nothing has been said about using the National Guard for a guard of honor. General Harries stated, however, that it was his intention to proffer the services of the militiamen to those in charge of the arrangements when the proper time arrives.

Morgan's Appointment Confirmed. ALBANY, N. Y., April 17.-Governor Odell's appointment of Geo. Wilson Morgan of New York city to be superintendent of the state bureau of elections for the metro-Both legs were amputated below the kine, and George sustained other injuries which it is feared will result in his death.

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SOLD TO GIFFORD PINCHOT FOR \$55,000.

House of the Late General Sheridan, Which Was Given Him by

Chicago Admirers. The residence of the late Gen. Philip H. Sheridan, at the northeast corner of Rhode Island avenue and 17th street, has been

sold by his widow. Mr. Gifford Pinchot, who owns the fine residence adjoining or the east, is the purchaser. The price paid was \$55,000. It is understood to be the purpose of the new owner to make use of the lawn space

east of the Sheridan house by erecting there an addition to his own home.

The latter was recently built by Mr. Pinchot and is to be added to when the additional space thus secured is made use of.

The Sheridan house is on a terrace and stands detached amidst more of an expanse of lawn on all sides than is usual in con-nection with a city home. In the proper

season, the vine covered porch adds to it the impression of a country residence. This was the home of the late Gen. Sher idan, and there is where he died. It was purchased with money contributed by his friends and admirers, principally in Chicago. It is understood that Mrs. Sheridan does not intend to remove her home from this city.

## KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY.

Second Annual Conclave Began This Morning.

The second annual conclave of the second district, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, began its sessions this morning at the Hotel Barton, when representatives of seven chapters and a large number of the members of the local chapter were present. Ten chapters are included in the second district, among which are Alpha Kappa of Cornell, Phi of Swarthmore, Alpha Delta of Pennsylvania State, Alpha Epsilon of the University of Pennsylvania, Alphi Phi of Bucknell, Beta Delta of Washington and Jefferson. Beta Iota of Lehigh Beta Phi of Dickinson, Alpha Alpha of the University of Maryland and Alpha Eta of the Columbian. The out-of-town members of the fraternity attending the conclave are W. A. Boyd, Charleston, S. C.; Richard Downing, East Norwich, N. Y.; T. R. Williams, Ithica, N. Y.; T. C. Bell, Bay Side, N. Y.; Monroe Nash, Williamsburg, Va.; H. C. Ray, Tyrone, Pa.; W. A. Hammond and G. Y. Clark, Baltimore, Md.; J. P. Ritenour, Uniontown, Pa.; H. M. Martin, Danville, Va.; S. T. Stewart, Cleveland, Oblo: G. S. Seal, Charlestown, W. land, Ohio; G. S. Seal, Charlestown, W. Va.; R. L. Stacy, South Berwick, Me.; C. R. Pendarvis, Galesburg, Ill.; R. C. Peters, Lewistown, Pa.; J. B. Hawley, Boies, Iowa; F. B. Squyer, Auburn, N. Y.; E. R. Meredith, Calcium, Pa.; J. B. Kar-cher, Philadelphia, and Boutwell Dunlap, Auburn, Cal.

The concluding business session will be held tomorrow morning. In the evening a banquet will be tendered to the visiting delegates at the Hotel Barton. Arrange ments have been made for a large number of the delegates to attend a box party to given at Chase's Theater this evening. Sunday morning those delegates remaining in the city will visit the points of inter-est in and about the capital.

Preliminary to its annual business meeting the second annual conclave of the second district Kappa Sigma Fraternity held a smoker last night at the Hotel Bar-ton. William E. Todd had direction of the musical part of the program. George O'Con-nor and Arthur Middleton were contribu-tors. The hall was tastefully decorated with Kappa Sigma emblems and colors consisting of scarlet, green and white.

#### Building Permits. Building permits were issued today

follows: W. W. Souder, three three-story and cellar brick dwellings, 1330, 1332 and 1334 Harvard

Josephine C. Nourse, one three-story and cellar and attic brick dwelling, 14 Iowa circle northwest. Cost, \$15,000.
Washington Loan and Trust Company, trustee, repairs to 308 F street northwest.

Cost, \$6,000.

James F. Kelley, one two-story brick dwelling, 1154 M street northeast. Cost, Weaver-Kengle Company, repairs to 3244 Water street northwest. Cost, \$1,000.
William W. Burch, repairs to 3283 M
street northwest. Cost, \$150.

Washington Stock Exchange.

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Sales—regular call, 12 o'clock noon.—U. S. reg. 3s, \$500 at 107%. Capital Traction 4s, \$1,000 at 107. Washington Street Rallway and Electric, com., 50 at 10½. National Safe Deposit, 10 at 133. Union Trust and Storage, 4 at 107½. West End National Bank, 7 at 150. Lincoln National Bank, 10 at 126%. Greene Copper, 100 at 23%, 55 at 82%, 25 at 82%, 10 at 182%, 10 at 10%, 50 at 10%, 200 at 10%, 100 at 10%, 200 at 10%, 200 at 10%, 100 at 24%. American Security and Trust, 10 at 250. Washington Gas, 25 at 82%, 25 at 83 (buyer 80).

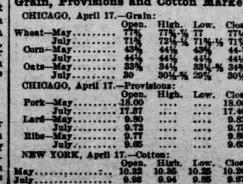
Railroad Bonds.—Capital Traction 4s, 106% bid, 107% asked. Metropolitan cert. indebt., A, 105 bid, 109 asked. Metropolitan cert. indebt., B, 108 bid, 109 asked. Columbia 6s, 119 bid, 120 asked. Columbia 2d mort. 5s, 107 bid. City and Suburban 5s, 93 bid. Masonic Hall Association 5s, 92 bid. Washington Railway and Electric 4s, 77% bid, 78% asked. Metropolitan cert. indebt., 6s, 104 bid. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 105% bid, 10% asked. Washington Market 1st 6s, 108% bid. Masonic Hall Association 5s, 102 bid. American Graphophone deb. 5s, 95 bid.

Safe Deposit and Trust, 123% bid, 135 asked. Washington Loan and Trust, 123% bid, 135 asked. Washington Railway and Electric, com., 10 bid, 10% asked. Citizens', 262 bi

End, 151 bid. Traders', 152 bid. Lincoln, 125 bid. Riggs, 570 bid.
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Miscellaneous Stocks.—Greene Con. Copper Company, 23% bid, 24 asked. Washington Market, 16% bid. Norfolk and Washington Steamboat, 200 bid. J. Maury Dove Company, 125 bid. Realty Appraisal and Agency Company, 20% bid, 24 asked.

\*Ex-dividend.



# THE SHERIDAN HOUSE FINANCE AND TRADE

Stocks Opened Strong, But Broke Later.

WEAK AT THE CLOSE

ACTIVITY IN THE TRACTION PROPERTIES.

Hammer Down Prices in Late Trading.

Profit Taking Helped the Bears to

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, April 17.-The London stock

market was influenced to some extent by the strong tone to our market yesterday, and prices in that market for American railway shares showed improvements extending to 1/2 per cent above our closing prices of the previous day.

Consols were a shade better for both accounts.

In the local stock market the tone at the opening was exceedingly cheerful. The strength shown in the late trading vesterday, after practically an all day advancing tendency, gave encouragement to the rank and file in the street and led to many changes in the position of the professionals from the short to the long side of the account.

The initial dealings showed advances of from 1/4 to % per cent in a large majority of the active stocks, and the tone immediately strengthened on buying by the western crowd and some active covering by the belated shorts, who expected the market to show weakness near the close yesterday, but were disappointed.

There were some exceptional advances at the start, the most prominent being in Manhattan elevated railway, which, after an opening gain of 1 per cent, very soon afterward made a further advance of 1% per cent on buying by brokers representing the inside interest in the stock. This gain was made in the face of the news that the employes the previous night had almost unanimously voted to strike unless the company reconsidered its determination not to grant the nine-hour day asked for by the train-

The stock opened off about 1 per cent, and did not show much inclination to improve with the good advances scored elsewhere in the list. Brooklyn Rapid Transit was strong and gained over 1 per cent in the early trading. Lackawanna gained over 2 per cent, and there were good strong advances in St. Paul, Union Pacific, Baltimore and Ohio, Atchison, Missouri Pacific, Southern Pacific, and, in fact, the whole list showed a

very strong tone.
The industrials were all sympathy with the strength in the railway list and made good advances, the most active and prominent stocks being sugar, copper and smelters. After the first hour of trading there was

greater activity among the traders and the commission houses, and the market gradu-ally worked to a higher level. United States steel 5 per cent bonds were strong on the curb and this had some influence on the preferred stock, which rallied easily with the rest of the market.
In the early afternoon trading the mar-

ket continued strong, and the buying around the room appeared good. This was especially true in Manhattan, Smelters, Union Pacific, St. Paul, Atchison and Bal-

known movements of currency up to yes-terday's close of business indicated the banks had gained in cash about \$2,500,000. A little over half of this amount was gained from the subtreasury. As loans ought to show a large decrease on account of the heavy liquidation in the first part of the week, the coming bank statement ought to be a very favorable one. Around 2 o'clock there was a bear raid

on Metropolitan, and the stock declined sharply, the price breaking to 129, against 132 at at the opening; the weakness in this stock caused profit-taking sales elsewhere in the list, and the general market reacted from % to 1 per cent. Metropolitan Securities was also freely sold, and the stock declined several points.

The other traction shares were well supported and did not suffer much of a de-

cline, with the exception of Third Avenue, which was also weak. In the late trading the continued weak-ness in Metropolitan Street Rallway and Metropolitan Securities stocks, the former selling down to 127 and the latter to 1014. unsettled the whole list, but the buying in the general market was considered better than the selling, and the reaction is not likely to go far.

New York Stock Market.

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BALTIMORE, April 17.—Flour firmer; winter extra, \$2.85a\$8.05; do. clear, \$3.25a\$3.85; do. wraight, \$3.45a\$3.85; do. patent, \$3.80a\$8.95; spring clear, \$3.15a\$3.80; do. straight, \$3.75a\$4; do. patent, \$4.4.25; receipts, 6.725 barrels; exports, 2.668 barrels. Wheat firmer; spot and April, 824a824; May, 82a\$24; July, 75% asked; steamer No. 2 red, 194a794; receipts, 8,511 bushels; exports, 7,921 bushels; southern by sample, 77a\$24; do. on grada, 794a824. Corn easier; spot, 50%a504; April, 504, a504; May, 49%a494; June, 49%a494; steamer mixed, 46%a46%; receipts, 72,259 bushels; exports, 55.085 bushels southern white corn, 46a51; do. pellow, 46a514. Oats dull and easy; No. 2 white, 42 a414; No. 2 mixed, 88a884; receipts, 39,160 bushels. Byo steady; No. 2 Western.

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